(d) Question does not arise.

Relief package for Kerala

1970. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has forwarded a proposal for relief package for the districts of Idukki and Alappuzha of Kerala which are facing agricultural distress:

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance sought from the Central Government;

(c) whether Government have given its approval to the proposal;

(d) if so, whether the amount for the proposal has been sanctioned and released to the state;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, by when the amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of proposal forwarded by Government of Kerala for relief package for Idukki and Alappuzha districts are given in the statement *(See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved plan of action for Idukki and Alappuzha Districts on the following lines:—

(i) Constitution of a multi-disciplinary team to study and suggest programmes for preservation and development of kuttanad wetlands in Alappuzha district;

(ii) Launch of programme for rejuvenation of plantation crops in a Mission mode;

(iii) Revival of coconut cultivation in Kerala;

(iv) Construction of new fishing harbours in the state; and

(v) Provide institutional credit coverage to all eligible farmers of these two districts;

(d) to (f) No amount has been released to the State Government of Kerala till date under the programmes approved for Idukki and Alappuzha districts. However, under item (i) above, a Study on 'Sustainable Development of Kuttanad Wet Land Eco-System' has been assigned to M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation. The Foundation has submitted its Interim Report and the Government has initiated action for its approval in consultation with State Government and other concerned agencies. For other items, the amount will be sanctioned and released on the basis of actual requirements for implementation of the programmes:

Statement

Rehabilitation Package Proposed by the Government of Kerala for Idukki and Alappuzha Districts

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No	Programme	Physical	Financial Outlay	Subsidy
.1	2	3	4	5
1	Exgratia Assistance From Prime Minister's Relief Fund		0.9400	0.9400
2	Debt Relief to Farmers		304.2400	
3	Interest Waiver		173.0600	173.0600
4 5	Assured Irrigation Facilities-Medium and Minor Irrigations Ground Water		136.1600	136.1600
6	Seed Replacement/Crop Intensification		0.8550	8550
a.	Rice			
	1. Seed Replacement with HYV	20000 Ha.	2.4000	1.2000
	2. INM&IPM	20000 Ha.	8.8600	4.4300

1	2	3	4	5
	3.lnfrastructure Development	20000 Ha.	10.0000	10.0000
b.	Pepper			
	1. Intercropping	15000 Ha	50.7750	15.0000
	2. Executional Infrastructure		0.5000	0.5000
	3. INM&IPM	100 Ha.	2.5000	1.2500
c.	Ginger			
	1. Seed Replacement	100 Ha.	0.9000	0.4500
d.	Arecanut			
	1.ANM&IPM Support 2.	500 Ha.	4.5000	2.2500
	Irrigation facilities a.Well/Pond :	70Nos	0.0700	0.0350
	b. pump Sets	70Nos.	0.0700	0.0350
e.	Coffee			
	1. Coffee handling and grading units	1 No.	0.7700	0.7700
	2. Powdering Units	3 Nos.	0.0850	0.0850
	3. Coffee Concentrate Unit	1 No.	0.1444	0.1444
f.	Coconut Processing Complex	2 No.	3.0000	1.5000
g	Vegetables			
	1. Vegetables	1000 Ha.	5.0000	1.0000
	2. Cool Season Vegetables	1000 Ha.	5.0000	1.0000
h.	Fruits			
	1. Pineapple	200 Ha.	0.8000	0.1000
	2. Banana	1000 Ha.	3.0000	1.5000

1	2	3	4	5
i.	Livelihood Sector			
	1. Betelvine Cultivation	500 Units	0.2200	0.1100
	2. Tail well for Betelvine	500 Units	0.0550	0.0275
j.	Marketing Infrastructure		4.0000	4.0000
7.	Watershed Development		100.3700	100.3700
8.	Rain water Harvest		5.0500	2.5250
9.	Horticulture Development		40.3637	40.3637
10.	Micro Irrigation			
	1. Sprinkler Irrigation	958 Ha.	1.5000	0.7185
	2. Drip Irrigation	3813 Ha.	16.0000	7.6260
11.	Extenstion Services			
	1.ATMA		20.0000	20.0000
	2. Counselling Centres	130	1.1700	1.1700
12.	Agro Processing		2.9000	1.4250
13.	Animal Husbandry		78.2980	71.4200
14.	Fisheries		169.8155	169.8155
	TOTAL:		1153.3716	771.8356

Subsidy on cattle feed

1971. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce subsidy on cattle feed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?